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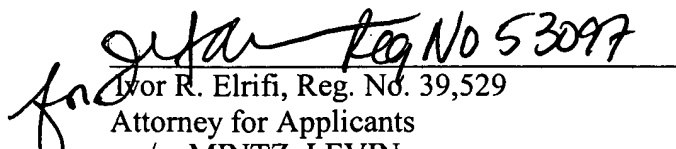
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 1, 2005 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a high molecular weight aptamer composition comprising a nucleic acid comprising two or more aptamers and a stabilizing moiety that comprises a linking moiety that is not a nucleic acid molecule. In addition, Applicants also elect PDGF as the target protein of the claimed aptamer composition.

Although no fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-541 (ARC-541).

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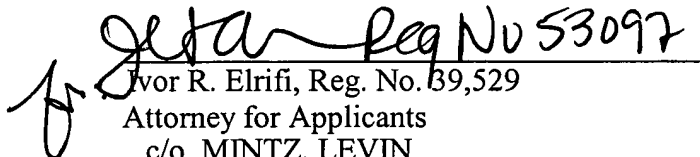
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application please find the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page);
2. Return Postcard.

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